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FEDERAL CARTRIDGE COMPANY PETITIONS SERVICE
TO APPROVE TUNGSTEN-IRON SHOT FOR WATERFOWL HUNTING

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today it has received an application from the Federal Cartridge Company of Anoka, Minnesota, seeking approval of tungsten-iron shot for waterfowl hunting.

The application received by the Service included a description of the new shot, a toxicological report, environmental fate analysis, and the results of a 30-day test to assess toxicity on game-farm mallards. The Service will review the data to determine if the shot imposes a danger to migratory birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. Additional testing may be required.

Currently, steel shot is the only load permanently approved for waterfowl hunting. The Service has temporarily approved bismuth-tin shot for the 1996-97 season and has formally proposed to grant permanent approval.

Lead shot was banned for waterfowl hunting in 1991 because it is toxic to ducks that ingest it while feeding.

The Service plans to publish a notice of application in the Federal Register by mid-September.

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